

The Committee recommends the inclusion of a provision to provide interim funding for the support of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty pending the enactment of legislation to provide for open funding of these organizations.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

On February 1, 1971, the Committee forwarded copies of S. 18 to the Department of State and requested "coordinated Executive Branch comments \* \* \* at an early date." On March 12, the Committee wrote again to the Department stating tentative hearings on the bill had been scheduled for April 28. The State Department responded on April 22 requesting a delay in the hearings until the "latter part of May."

In an effort to accommodate the Department, the Committee agreed to change the hearing date from April 28 to May 24. A public hearing was held at that time and the Committee heard from three witnesses: the Honorable Congressman Ogden R. Reid, who introduced a similar bill in the House of Representatives; the Honorable Martin J. Hillenbrand, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; and Mr. Paul C. Bartlett, former President of Radio New York Worldwide, Inc.

In place of commenting on S. 18, Assistant Secretary Hillenbrand presented the Administration's views on a substitute bill, S. 1936. Senator Case introduced this bill on the day of the hearing. (See appendix.)

This alternative legislation would establish an American Council for Private International Communications, Inc. Although publicly funded, the Council would be a "non-governmental, private, non-profit corporation" with headquarters in the District of Columbia. While the primary purpose of the corporation would be to channel Government funds to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, the Administration's bill would also make eligible for financing any "private American organizations with established programs of broadcasting to other countries, or other . . . selected activities in the international mass media field \* \* \*"

S. 1936 contained an open-ended authorization and provided that sums appropriated shall remain available until expended. In addition to this funding flexibility, the bill did not specify an agency or department to which the funds would be appropriated.

The Committee first considered both of these proposals in Executive Session on June 8, at which time it decided that, before making any definitive, long-term decisions on future funding of the Radios, the Committee should have available some in-depth, background studies on them. Following this decision, the Chairman of the Committee wrote to the Library of Congress and the General Accounting Office requesting separate studies from each of them on the two Radios. Senator Fulbright's letters are included in the appendix to this report.

The Committee considered these bills again in Executive Session on July 21, at which time it rejected, by voice vote, a slightly modified version of S. 1936 (see appendix) and then adopted S. 18 with an amendment increasing the authorization level from \$30 to \$35 million for fiscal year 1972.

fiscal years, the executive branch estimates the total cost of these programs to be \$200-\$210 million. For the reasons which are obvious in this report, the committee is unable to evaluate these estimates. In the final analysis, of course, the Congress could fund these programs in accordance with the executive branch estimates or it could, at any point, terminate them.

## TITLE VII—APPROPRIATIONS

### GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS

SEC. 701. Appropriations to carry out the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized.

### TRANSFER OF FUNDS

SEC. 702. The Secretary shall authorize the transfer to other Government agencies for expenditure in the United States and in other countries, in order to carry out the purposes of this Act, any part of any appropriations available to the Department for carrying out the purposes of this Act, for direct expenditure or as a working fund, and any such expenditures may be made under the specific authority contained in this Act or under the authority governing the activities of the Government agency to which a part of any such appropriation is transferred, provided the activities come within the scope of this Act.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANTS TO RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY

SEC. 703. *There are authorized to be appropriated to the department \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 1972 to provide grants, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Except for funds appropriated under this section, no funds appropriated after the date of enactment of this section for any fiscal year, under this or any other provision of law, may be made available to or for the use of Radio Free Europe or Radio Liberty.*

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